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New Testing Policy for Suspicious Mail Announced

Waukesha, WIS. –Waukesha County has received notification from the State of Wisconsin's Laboratory of Hygiene that effective immediately it will no longer accept low credibility mailspecimens for testing.

A low credibility specimen is an envelope or small parcel that is unopened, does not have material leaking from it, and is not accompanied by an explicit or implicit threat.

Persons in receipt of a low credibility item that meet these requirements should place the envelope or parcel in a plastic bag, wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water, and discard the bagged item locally instead of contacting a law enforcement agency.

To date, the Laboratory of Hygiene has tested approximately 200 specimens, all of which turned out to be negative.

If you have questions, please contact the Waukesha County Office of Emergency Management at (262) 548 -7580.